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Dear Mr. Hampton:

Though these past 7 ½ weeks have been challenging, I have also enjoyed preparing myself for my time abroad. I am looking forward to going to Russia.

In response to your letter,…

In this coarse I have learned many things. Not only do I know how to say hello in Russian (which is privet), I have learned various Russian phrases, too. Additionally, I have learned proper business etiquette in my country. For example, it is impolite to shake hands with gloves on. The most important thing I have learned, however, is the importance of being culturally diverse. This course gave me an opportunity to study a culture I probably wouldn’t study otherwise. Three aspects I have learned during this course pertaining to my country, was some of its language, culture, and etiquette. For example, “Da Svidanyia” means goodbye. I also learned business meetings are usually somber and reserved. Some commonly eaten foods there are beets and beef. I was challenged by the rigor of the work. I had to work hard to post everything on my wiki page, and had homework almost every night. In the training, you did a good job with telling us the deadlines beforehand. That way, I could work backwards to get every assignment done. What you could have done to improve, however, is assign a lighter workload. It seemed like a new project was assigned immediately after the old one was due. If I were to fall behind, it would be hard to catch up. Finally, I believe I am ready to live in my country. I can greet others in Russian, and know what it takes to be polite. I can ask how to get around, and know what the basics means of transportation are in this country, such as the metro system. I even know some of the local tourist sites of Moscow, like the Kremlin. I am not a Russian expert, but I think I could handle myself there.

Sincerely,

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